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SUBJECT: JOINT DEA AND RUSSIAN INTER-AGENCY OPERATION BALTIC STRIKE
COORDINATION MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11, 2010 OF MOSCOW CO PRIORITY
TARGET CASE XI-07-0003, YECIJ, KRASAVCHIKOV, VLADIMIR

CCX: GFXI-10-8002 OPERATION BALTIC STRIKE
ZP-09-0004/YEC1K, MITREVICS, Vladimir

REF: (A) DEA Moscow CO TWX #131 DATED JANUARY 19, 2010.
(B) DEA-6 WRITTEN BY SA VARNI (GUYAQUIL RO) DATED JANUARY 20,
[1](#)2010.
(C) DEA-6 WRITTEN BY SA VARNI (GUYAQUIL RO), DATED JANUARY 25,
[1](#)2010.

THIS CABLE CONTAINS AN ACTION REQUEST FOR THE QUITO COUNTRY OFFICE,
THE BOGOTA COUNTRY OFFICE, THE LIMA COUNTRY OFFICE, THE WARSAW
COUNTRY OFFICE, AND THE GUAYAQUIL RESIDENT OFFICE.

1.(SBU) On February 11, 2010, the Moscow CO took part in a case
coordination meeting among multiple Russian law enforcement
entities. Participants included; Sergey Muraviev, Cocaine Unit
Chief, Federal Security Service, ("FSB"), Dmitry Abakumov, Cocaine
Unit Chief, Ministry of Interior ("MVD"), Nikolay Kukharenko,
Cocaine Unit Chief, Russian Federal Drug Control Agency ("FSKN"),
Andrey Metsger, Division Head, MVD Investigative Committee, Denis
Popov, Investigator, MVD Investigative Committee and Vitaly Fedotov,
International Cooperation Department, FSB.

2.(SBU) Background of Operation Baltic Strike:

Since 2005, the Moscow Country Office has been conducting Operation
Baltic Strike which targets the maritime movements of cocaine from
South America to Russia. This is a very successful joint operation
that has resulted in the seizure of approximately 676 kilograms of
cocaine, 26 arrests, and approximately \$200,000 USD. In 2009, the
FSKN joined the operation. As a result of Operation Baltic Strike,
the Moscow CO and Russian counterparts identified the Vladimir
KRASAVCHIKOV DTO as one of the most significant cocaine DTOs

operating in Russia.

3.(SBU) As reported in Reference (A), on January 14, 2010, the Moscow CO learned that Andrey SHINDER was expected to pick up a shipment of cocaine while in Guayaquil, Ecuador. SHINDER is a steward onboard the shipping vessel M/V Pietari Cloud and has been identified as a member of the KRASAVCHIKOV DTO.

4.(SBU) As reported in Reference (B), on January 20, 2010, the M/V PIETARI CLOUD arrived in the Puerto Maritimo, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

5. (SBU) As reported in Reference (C), on January 22, Guayaquil RO reported, SHINDER departed the ship and passed through port security in Guyaquil, Ecuador, with a group of crewmembers. At the time, SHINDER was wearing a black polo type collard shirt, blue jeans, with dark collar length hair. Later in the day, SHINDER returned to the port, and was observed passing through port security, carrying a black, weighted bag on his shoulder.

Agents Note: Surveillance video was obtained by the Guyaquil RO as SHINDER passed through the ports entry/exit point. A copy of this video was passed to the Moscow CO and was subsequently shared with Russian law enforcement.

6.(SBU) On January 23, 2010, Guyaquil RO reported, Customs/Port K-9 unit conducted a routine search of the ship, with negative results. The Port Unit did not know about the on-going investigation, as the Guyaquil RO and vetted Unit Commander deemed it necessary to

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maintain the integrity of this investigation. The customs search did not uncover SHINDER's bag as they searched crewmembers cabins, nor was the bag located anywhere else on the vessel.

7.(SBU) On January 23, 2010, the M/V Pietari Cloud departed Guyaquil with its' final destination believed to be St. Petersburg, Russia.

8.(SBU) On Monday, February 8, 2010, the Moscow CO was informed by the Russian Security Service (FSB) that the M/V Pietari Cloud, prior to arriving in St. Petersburg, Russia, would travel to Gdansk, Poland on February 19, 2010.

Agent's Note: It is believed that Gdansk, Poland may be a refueling point for the M/V Pietari Cloud.

9.(SBU) ACTION REQUEST FOR THE WARSAW CO:

The Moscow CO requests the assistance of the Warsaw CO and Polish counterparts to assist in the surveillance of the PIETARI CLOUD while docked in Gdansk, Poland and conduct surveillance in the scenario if SHINDER attempts to off load the cocaine shipment in Gdansk. The Moscow CO believes surveillance of the M/V PIETARI CLOUD, will aid in the subsequent Russian prosecution of members of the KRASAVCHIKOV DTO.

10.(SBU) Russian Customs (FTS) and the interagency working group including FSB, MVD and FSKN will prepare to conduct a thorough inspection of the commercial shipping vessel, M/V PIETARI CLOUD, upon its return to St. Petersburg, Russia.

11.(SBU) In addition, the Joint DEA Russian Interagency Task Force will prepare for the arrest of the following individuals identified as members of the KRASAVCHIKOV DTO and linked to this investigation:

Valentin VOYNOVSKIY - NADDIS # 6640630

Arthur ZAKARYAN - NADDIS # 6625894

Gadzimurad NURMAGOMEDOV - NADDIS # 6634964

Rishat STRELTSOV - NADDIS Negative

Andrey SHINDER - NADDIS # 6364544

12.(SBU) Following the arrest of the above mentioned individuals, a

warrant and subsequent Interpol Red Notice will be prepared by Russian authorities, in anticipation of the arrest of Moscow CO Priority Target Vladimir KRASAVCHIKOV - NADDIS # 6305832.

Agents Note: Russian Law Enforcement believes KRASAVCHIKOV continues to reside in Ecuador. Further, it is believed that KRASAVCHIKOV may be residing with Lidia ESPINOZA-Quniteros in Quito, Ecuador. ESPINOZA-Quinteros is identified as a source of supply and broker for the KRASAVCHIKOV DTO.

13.(SBU) On January 26, 2010, the Moscow CO received immigration records from the Guyaquil RO regarding country entry/exit records for KRASAVCHIKOV and his aliases. According to immigration records, KRASAVCHIKOV was not in Ecuador at the time, but has had both air and land entries into Ecuador utilizing Bulgarian Passport # 354800732 under the name, Krasimir Kirilov YOLOV and Russian Passport # 51N1910241 under the name Vladimir KRASAVCHIKOV.

14.(SBU) ACTION REQUEST FOR THE GUYAQUIL RO AND QUITO CO:

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The Moscow CO is requesting the assistance of the Guyaquil RO and the Ecuadorian National Police, along with the Quito CO in an effort to locate and conduct surveillance of Vladimir KRASAVCHIKOV in anticipation of Russian authorities submitting an Interpol Red Notice for his arrest. The Moscow CO has provided photographs of KRASAVCHIKOV along with information regarding KRASAVCHIKOV's aliases to the Guyaquil RO and Quito CO under separate communiqu.

15.(SBU) ACTION REQUEST FOR THE BOGOTA CO AND THE LIMA CO:

The Moscow CO is requesting the assistance of the Bogot CO and the Lima CO to conduct border searches for KRASAVCHIKOV. The KRASAVCHIKOV DTO has criminal contacts in Peru and Colombia and it may be possible that KRASAVCHIKOV may be residing in Peru or Colombia. KRASAVCHIKOV and his aliases are listed below:

Vladimir Vasilievich KRASAVCHIKOV, Date of Birth: 05/17/1949, Alternate Dates of Birth: 07/5/1951, 7/12/1956; Russian Passport # 51N1910241.

Krasimir Kirilov YOLOV, Date of Birth: 07/12/1956; Bulgarian Passport # 354800732.

Vladimir Krasovskiy, Date of Birth: 05/17/1949, Alternate Dates of Birth: 07/5/1951, 7/12/1956

Vladimir Krasavchiko, Date of Birth: 05/17/1949, Alternate Dates of Birth: 07/5/1951, 7/12/1956

16.(SBU) The Moscow CO was advised that if the DTO suspects law enforcement operations are imminent, members of the DTO may flee to Poland. The Moscow CO will coordinate with the Warsaw CO if such a scenario arises. Further, one member of the DTO, Valentin VOYNOVSKIY was reported to have ties to corrupt officers within the FSKN in St. Petersburg, Russia.

17.(U) This cable was prepared by SA Patrick Apel and FSN Investigator Slava Kurek in lieu of a DEA-6 per DEA Agent's Manual Section 6242.11. Please direct any questions or comments to SA Patrick Apel or CA Michael Nowacoski at 7-495-728-5218 or by Firebird e-mail. Please note that Moscow is 8 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

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11. KRASAVCHIKOV, Vladimir - NADDIS # 6305832
File Title of Investigation.

12. VOYNOVSKIY, Valentin - NADDIS #6640630
DOB: 07/12/1956. Ukrainian National
a.k.a. Valentine VOJNOWSKI.
Cell head of KRASAVCHIKOV DTO organizes distribution of cocaine obtained from Ecuador to Russia. Believed to have ties to corrupt

Russian Federal Drug Service officers in St. Petersburg, Russia.

¶3. Arthur ZAKARYAN - NADDIS # 6625894
Part of the KRASAVCHIKOV DTO.

¶4. NURMAGOMEDOV, Gadzimurad - NADDIS # 6634964
Part of the KRASAVCHIKOV DTO.

¶5. STRELTSOV, Rishat - NADDIS NEGATIVE
DOB: 09/23/1963

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Identified as part of the KRASAVCHIKOV DTO.

¶6. SHINDER, Andrey - NADDIS # 6364544
Currently a steward about the M/V PIETARI CLOUD. Expected to
arrive in St. Petersburg, Russia in late February 2010 with
shipment of cocaine.

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